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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Sender's Service to the China Mail.)

MINERS' STRIKE.

London, April 21st.

Though the coal-owners and miners have not yet met again, they are conducting a peaceful discussion in the Press.

While the miners declare that the owners' offer marks no advance on their previous offers, and does not meet the demand for a national pool or levy, which the miners, apparently, are in no way inclined to relinquish, the owners have published a statement declaring that the levy on tonnage is essentially the same as the profits pool, involving Government control and discouraging enterprise.

U.S. LABOUR UNREST.

New York, April 21st.

The industrial troubles, which have recently become more threatening on account of wage reductions, are likely to come to a head as a result of the American Shipowners' Association giving notice of a 25 per cent. reduction in wages from May 1st, to which the Seamen's Union has replied with a threat of strike on the Atlantic and the Pacific sides, simultaneously.

CRICKET BOARD CONTROL.

London, April 21st.

The Cricket Board Control has decided that scoring in the County Championship will be 3 points for a win, completed match, and 2 points for a first innings victory, uncompleted match, the loser in the latter case securing one point.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.

Paris, April 19th.

According to the latest report, Germany is seriously engaged in attempts to find a mediator in view of the cold reception it met with in her tentative enquiries at Washington, Brussels, Berne and Prague.

The Allies are expected, very shortly, to receive direct proposals, which are said to be almost identical with those submitted at the London Conference in March last.

Rumours of an impending meeting of the Allied Supreme Council at a place on the British or French coast are taking shape. -Havas.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 22, 1921.

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Here are some details of to-morrow's yachting programme, for the circulation of which to members there has not been time.

Mrs. Severn has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the day's sport.

By kind permission of Major Law and Officers, the Band of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will play selections on the Club lawn during the afternoon.

The Commodore and Committee will be at Home to members and friends from 2.30 p.m. In the event of unfavourable weather dancing will take place in the Club House during the afternoon.

PROGRAMME.

SAILING.
Cruiser Classes, English and Chinese Rig (Prize for 1st in each Class). Prep. Gun 1.55 p.m. Starting Gun 2.00 p.m.
Course—Start from Murray Pier, East Rock (S.), Finish Club House W. to E. Distance 12 miles.

CHINESE RIG.
Event I—Oenone—Scratch. 2.00 p.m.
Niobe—52" on Course.
Helen—52" "

ENGLISH RIG.
Event I—Oenone—Scratch. 2.00 p.m.
Niobe—52" on Course.
Helen—52" "

LADIES' YACHT RACES.
Handicap Class, one Design Class, Heyward Hays and Gael Class. 1st and 2nd Prizes for each Class.
Course—Start from Murray Pier (P.), East Rock (P.), Finish Club House W. to E. Distance 12 miles.
Prep. Gun 2.50 p.m. Starting Gun 2.55 p.m.

Event II—Diana—Scratch. 2.55 p.m.

2.55 p.m. Rolla—20" on Course
Orion—1' 20" "
Dorothea—3' 00" "
Gladys—3' 00" "
Sonia—3' 00" "

ONE DESIGN CLASS.
Prep. Gun 2.55 p.m. Starting Gun 3.00 p.m.
Event III—Ailsa—Scratch. 3.00 p.m.
Daphne—1' 20" "
Bonito—1' 20" "
Halcyon—1' 20" "

HEYWARD HAYS AND GAEL CLASS.
Prep. Gun 3.00 p.m. Starting Gun 3.05 p.m.

HEYWARD HAYS CLASS.
Event IV—Ursula—Scratch. 3.05 p.m.
Dawn—1' 20" on Course.
Sirius—1' 20" "
Lola—1' 20" "
Owl—1' 20" "

GAEL CLASS.
Event V—Scratch. 3.05 p.m.
Toinette—1' 20" "
Joan—1' 20" "
Theda—1' 20" "
Viking—1' 20" "

SAILING DIRECTIONS.
The Starting and the Finishing Lines for all Racing yacht races, will be the official line off the Club House, North Point, the outer end of which will be indicated by a mark boat. At the inner end the committee boat Lady Jean will be moored and all competing yachts must pass between this boat and the outer mark boat both for starting and finishing.

(Note—The mark boat at the outer end of line is moveable and does not necessarily indicate the starting or finishing line, but all yachts must pass inside of it.)
A Preparatory Gun will be fired for each race 5 minutes before the Starting Gun.

Time Limit for each Event is 5 p.m. Should any Yachts not have finished by such time, Launches will be provided to tow them into the Club anchorage. Owners of Cruisers are requested to dress ship and anchor off the Club House clear of the racing course not later than 4.30 p.m.

H. S. ROUSE,
Hon. Sec., Sailing Committee.

ROWING PROGRAMME.
Event V—3.00 p.m. Inter Club Junior Fours, distance 1 mile.
Event VI—3.00 p.m. All Corners Race—For Whalers, Gigs and Naval Boats—distance 2 miles.
Event VII—3.20 p.m. Inter Club Senior Fours, distance 1 mile.
Event VIII—3.40 p.m. Ladies' Race (Post Entries), distance 1 mile.
Event IX—4.00 p.m. Inter Club Junior Pair Oars, distance 1 mile.

Event X—4.20 p.m. Scratch Fours (Post Entries), distance 1 mile.

Event XI—4.40 p.m. Inter Club Senior Pair Oars, distance 1 mile.

Event XII—5.00 p.m. Dragon Boat Race for Naval Crews (Post Entries), distance 1 mile.

Event XIII—5.20 p.m. Inter Club Tub Sculls, distance 1 mile.

ROWING DIRECTIONS.
The Course will be from the direction of Lyemun to the Club house. The programme will commence promptly at 3 p.m. Crews must be at the Starting Line five minutes before advertised time or they will be liable to be disqualified.

All Challenge Cups which will be retained for one year only by the winning crews must not be taken away from China and must be returned in good condition at the end of that period to the Rowing Secretary of the R.H.K.Y.C.

The Regatta Committee have ruled that all races will be started from stake boats and will finish between the Winning Post and the Committee boat moored in line with the Club House flag-staff. Any boat passing outside the Committee Boat will be disqualified. Crews must continue rowing till they hear the gun.

OFFICIALS FOR THE DAY.
Starters: Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp K.C., and T. H. G. Brayfield, Esq. Umpires: Messrs. W. Logan and E. B. Reed.

Judges: Lt. Comdr. Drew, R.N., Lt. Comdr. Hake, R.N.R. and Mr. A. Murdoch.
Clerks of the Course: Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, T. Arthur and A. W. van Andel.

Coxswains: Messrs. T. W. White and T. Peiley.
Regatta Secretary and Captain: J. S. McCann, Esq.
Time Keepers: Messrs. D. K. Blair and H. S. Rouse.

ROWING SECTION.

CREWS.
Event 5—Junior Fours—3 p.m. 1 mile. Entrance Fee \$5.00 per boat.

V.R.C.
A. Blake Bow.
G. Pritchard 2
I. Berenson 3
G. May Cox.
F. Lenfesty Cox.

R.H.K.Y.C.
P. A. Dixon (bow) 144 lbs.
E. M. Burton (2) 150
A. T. Lamplugh (3) 161
Capt. T. A. V. Noel (Str.) 150
T. Peiley (Cox.) 126

Event 7—Senior Fours—3.20 p.m.
Distance 1 mile. For Stock Brokers Cup. Entrance Fee \$5.00 per boat.

V.R.C.
Lt. Merriman Bow.
A. N. Other 2
S. Berg 3
S. Dreyer Str.
A. Carroll Cox.

CANTON R.C.
A. E. Quin (Bow) 155 lbs.
A. Huxley (2) 175
J. D. H. Crawford (3) 175
M. Omer (Str.) 185
A. Hotson (Cox.)

R.H.K.Y.C.
D. C. Logan (Bow) 148 lbs.
V. G. Smyth (2) 164
P. H. Davies (3) 164
J. S. McCann (Str.) 194
G. C. White (Cox.) 126

Event 8—Post Entries.
Event 9—Junior Pairs—4 p.m. Distance 1/2 mile. Entrance Fee \$3.00.

CANTON R.C.
A. Huxley (Bow) 175 lbs.
J. D. H. Crawford (Str.) 175
A. Hotson (Cox.) 175

1st R.H.K.Y.C.
Huxley (Bow) 144 lbs.
P. A. Dixon (Str.) 146
G. C. White (Cox.) 126

2nd R.H.K.Y.C.
A. T. Lamplugh (Bow) lbs.
Capt. Noel (Str.)
T. Peiley (Cox.)
Event 10—4.20 p.m. Scratch Fours. 1/2 mile. With Lady Coxswains. Crews to be drawn from those oarsmen who have rowed in the Regatta.

Event 11—4.40 p.m. Inter Club Senior Pairs. For the Murdoch Challenge Cup. Distance 1/2 mile. Entrance fee \$3.00.

V.R.C.
S. Berg (bow)
S. Dreyer (str.)
A. Carroll (cox)

R.H.K.Y.C.
V. G. Smyth (bow) 164 lbs.
J. S. McCann (str.) 194
T. Peiley (cox) 126

Event 12—5.20 p.m. Inter Club Tub Sculls. 1/2 mile. Entrance fee \$2.00.

CANTON R.C.
H. W. Hewitt
R.H.K.Y.C.
J. S. McCann
Extra Event—Fours' Race. Married Men v. Bachelors. 1/2 mile. If time does not permit this race will be rowed on Sunday, the 24th inst. at 11 a.m.

Guests of members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are reminded that the annual dinner will take place on Saturday, April 23, at 8 p.m., in the Hall of the College. (2) The cricket match between the Staff and Pupils of Queen's College versus the Association will be played on the same day, commencing at 2 p.m., at the Indian Recreation Club ground at Soakmoo Valley.

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Straits
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dent Mr. Collingwood was well done and Mr. Wordley Hulze deserves much credit for his capable handling of the role of Sir Robert Mythe, counsel for the petitioner. The subsidiary roles were well sustained.

Attention is drawn to the change in the sequence of the plays to be given by the H. B. Waring Company, at the Theatre Royal, due to boat connections. The "Choice" has been omitted from the programme, its place being taken by "Romeo and Juliet". This play will therefore be presented on Tuesday next instead of on Wednesday, as previously announced. The title roles will be taken by Miss Sherwin and Mr. H. B. Waring.

great treat is promised for Wednesday night when "Ann" is to be produced. It is stated that Miss Sherwin has scored her greatest success in this play. Two matinees are being given on Saturday—The merchant of Venice and the other on Wednesday when "Romeo and Juliet" will be repeated.

A familiar local figure in the person of Sister Macarie, of the French Convent, passed peacefully away at 4 p.m., yesterday, at the ripe age of 81 years. The deceased was much esteemed by all who knew her, and her loss will be mourned not only by the sisterhood to which she belonged, but by all classes of the community with whom she came in contact in her noble and self-sacrificing work of charity. The funeral, which took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, was attended by a large gathering. Besides the sisters and pupils of both the French and Italian Convents, and the brothers and boys of St. Joseph's College, there was a large number of local residents, including ladies who are past pupils of the French Convent School, present to pay their last tribute. Many beautiful floral tributes were laid on the grave. All the Roman Catholic clergy of Hongkong were present in the religious, peoples' section of the cemetery where a very impressive burial service was conducted by His Lordship Bishop Pizzoni.

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QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. N. Grattan Doyle, Mr. Lloyd George stated that hitherto the Government had no reason to take exception to the manner in which the terms of the Anglo-Russian trade agreement had been carried out. There was no evidence of the continuance of Bolshevik propaganda since the agreement had been signed.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.
Replying to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Cecil Harcourt stated that the Government was consulting the Government of the Dominions and India with a view to ratification of the convention for the establishment of a permanent court of international justice as soon as possible.

INDUSTRIAL UNREST.
Replying to Lord Robert Cecil, the Premier said that the Government was considering the question of the desirability of some form of systematic inquiry into the causes of industrial unrest in Britain. He did not think a royal commission would be the best means of eliciting information on the matter.

YAP ISLAND DISPUTE.

NO BRITISH AND AMERICAN ANTAGONISM.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to the American and Japanese correspondence on the subject of Yap, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government's only official news on the matter was the Japanese note of February 26. Replying to Col. J. C. Wedgwood, the Premier emphasised that there was no question of British and American antagonism. We had no interest whatever in the matter except the general interest of the peace of the world and goodwill among all the nations concerned.

IRISH PROBLEM.

GOVERNMENT AWAITING SINN FEIN OVERTURES.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Lloyd George reiterated that the Government was ready to meet representatives of the Irish people for the purpose of discussing any proposals offering a prospect of reconciliation and settlement, subject to the reservations that the strategic unity of the Empire must be safeguarded and Ulster must not be coerced. He pointed out that hitherto no reply had been received to the Government's offer for a safe conduct for meeting Dail Eireann.

PLATE GLASS WINDOWS DAMAGED.

EXTRAORDINARY SERIES OF OUTRAGES IN LONDON.

LONDON, April 21.

An extraordinary series of window-cutting outrages have been carried out throughout London during the night apparently by organised gangs armed with glass-cutting instruments. Over a thousand plate-glass windows have been damaged. The police blame Sinn Feiners.

ERIVAN IN FLAMES.

ARMENIANS RETREAT BEFORE BOLSHIEVICS

LONDON, April 21.

Reuter learns that the population of Erivan is fleeing towards Zangezur covered by Armenian troops who are fighting a rearguard action against the Bolsheviks. A large part of Erivan is in flames. The Bolsheviks have confiscated all possessions of the peasants, including cattle and cereals, and have executed supporters of the Armenian Government.

AMERICAN NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 21.

The Government is shortly introducing the naval appropriation bill in the form approved last session providing \$395,000,000.

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The houses are three in number and are composed of six flats each. The particulars of the rents I have obtained are those of one house (six flats), being three outside flats and three inside flats, they are uniform with the other flats, and are as follows:

No.	Tenant.	Floor.	Rent.	Inc.
58	—	Ground	\$60.00	\$ 80.00
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58	—	Top	80.00	100.00
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I enclose an original letter to one of the tenants from the landlords.—I have the honour, etc.,
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I find that the rents paid for some years past yielded about 65 per cent. on the total cost of the buildings, while the increased rents give a net return of 8.4 per cent. The Government does not consider this return excessive, and is therefore not prepared to interfere in the matter.—I am, etc.,
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EX-SERVICE MEN.

BRANCH OF BRITISH LEGION.

FORMED IN HONGKONG.

Plans for the formation of an ex-service organisation whose membership will include all those who served in the war were discussed at a meeting, attended by about 250 ex-service men, which was held at the Victoria Barracks yesterday afternoon at the instance of Major General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G., K.C.S.I.

After apologising for unavoidable postponement of the meeting which had been called for the previous Friday, Major General Kirkpatrick proceeded briefly, to explain the purpose of the gathering. "Since I have been in Hongkong," the General said, "I have felt very much that there is a need for an organisation of those British who served in the War and are now in 'civil life' in Hongkong."

It would, he continued, be a great pity if the memory of their common experiences, their strenuous times together, and their glorious success was allowed to grow dim, especially in a far-away part of the world like this, where they were a small body of Britons confronting unknown contingencies which no man could foretell. Major General Kirkpatrick went on to speak of the British Legion, a combination of ex-service organisations whose name seemed to him to express very well their needs and aspirations in a place like Hongkong. He had asked them to come there that afternoon so that they might, if they thought fit, organise themselves in some such fashion here.

They had as their first object, the General said, the continuance of their comradeship, and another great purpose was that of mutual help. It would mean as well that they would be able to keep in touch with each other by social gatherings and, as at home, the organisation should be absolutely non-political, non-sectarian and democratic right through. It should be open to all who served their King and Country and to all who, through that service had earned their country's gratitude and now desired to keep alive the associations and recollections of the time when they were serving together in their country's cause. He hoped that the proposal would commend itself to them and that they would be able to take the first steps towards the formation of such an organisation that afternoon. (Applause.)

Brig-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten said that the General Officer Commanding had explained fully to the meeting the idea of forming a branch of the British Legion in Hongkong and throughout China, and he had much pleasure in proposing that the Legion be formed.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird seconded. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

A member proposed that the coast ports—Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, etc.—be included in the Association.

The General Officer Commanding said that the words "throughout China" were meant to include those ports.

THE COMMITTEE.
The next business was to elect a committee.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird said that the following gentlemen he had spoken to were prepared to serve on the committee and he thought best to further the aims of the Association:—Brig-Gen. Macnaghten, Major Cassel, Messrs. Hill, Brayfield, Cobb, Hall, Lapeyre, James, Young, Holmes, Hawker, Bellamy, Murdoch, Dr. Black, Dr. Allan and Police Sgt. Booker.

The General Officer Commanding said that the committee would have the power to form an Executive and appoint a Secretary and, if necessary, call up additional members. If the meeting did not have further names to suggest, he would propose those read out by Col. Bird *en bloc*.

Brig-Gen. Macnaghten seconded, and the motion was carried *sem con*.

On the invitation of the General Officer Commanding all present then filled their membership forms and handed them in.

A member called attention to the fact that Col. Bird's name was not included in the committee. He said it could not be complete without the Colonel serving on it.

The General Officer Commanding said that Col. Bird's name should be taken for granted; it was modesty which prompted him not to include himself in the list.

Col. Bird expressed his willingness to serve, and his name was included in the committee.

SMALL BODY OF RESERVES.
Addressing the meeting, Brigadier-General Macnaghten said that many of those present could not join the volunteers either because they were busy or for various other reasons, but in case of emergency they could be of use to the General or the Police.

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SUPERSTITIONS.

SHUDDERING.

Sometimes, without any apparent cause, when engaged in work or conversation which occupies the mind entirely, one will suddenly shudder. And then, if he is a superstitious person, he will at once recall the old superstition that such a shudder means that "Some one is walking across his grave." This superstition is an ancient one, having its basis in suggestion, and is common to-day in the rural districts especially. Of course the person seized with the sudden shudder, being still alive has properly speaking no grave. But there is, somewhere a spot where his grave will be.

The shudder is caused by a slight, temporary physical disturbance due possibly to "an undigested piece of cheese." But to the man superstitiously inclined the shudder seems uncalled for and out of place; and what is uncalled for and out of place must be accounted for. Allied to ignorance is fear. The imagination demands a working hypothesis of some kind and grasps at suggestion. The shudder suggests something gruesome—and what could be more gruesome than one's own grave? But the place of one's own grave is always there—why should a connection between it and its future occupant be set up at that particular moment? Ignorance, fear, man's primitive instinct to try and explain what he cannot understand—the ingredients of superstition—offer the solution. The "grave" is being disturbed—"some one is walking across it." Primitive psychology can be very minute and very logical in such cases. And there you have your superstition, which appeals much more to the imagination than any explanation the doctor may give you of your sudden shudder. Besides, the superstition is so much simpler and more easily understood than the doctor's explanation!

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

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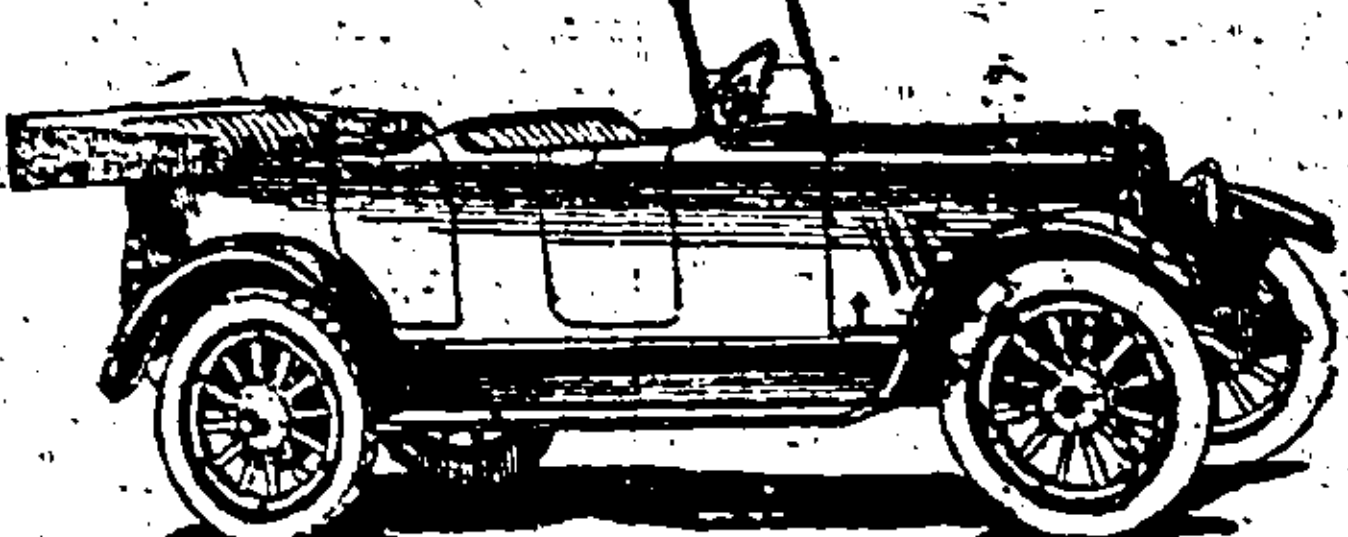
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PROPOSED STAMP DUTY.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Turning to another part of the Bill, Clause 43 should have attention. It gives the collector or his delegates, who may be anybody, authority of access which provides to my mind unnecessarily wide powers to the Government to inspect private books and documents, and this I think we should urge should be amended. (Applause.) There is no question of a warrant being necessary, no appeal to higher authority and no redress provided in the event of the power being mis-used. Apart from these objections I do not think the proposed measure warrants such an innovation.

With these remarks, gentlemen, I support the Chairman and beg to second the resolutions to be laid before you, with the hope that the Government will seriously consider the views of this Chamber and hesitate before unduly weighting the business of the Colony with the handicaps the proposed Ordinance as it stands would introduce. (Loud applause.)

STOCK EXCHANGE PROPOSALS.
Mr. H. Birkett: I would like to propose an amendment to Resolutions 6 and 7 on behalf of the Stock Exchange. In Resolution 6: that "fifty cents" be substituted for "twenty cents," and that the following be added to Resolution 7: "and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon."

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Just to put the matter in form, I beg to second Mr. Birkett's amendment. I should say, with regard to Clause 29, that I entirely agree that that clause, even if it were amended in the most drastic manner, would be wholly unworkable. (Applause.) It is certainly not desirable that, if any legislation is to be passed with a view to promoting registration of transfers of shares, that such legislation should be forced through under the absurd penalties in Schedule No. 41 of this Bill. That is all I have to say, except just to make one remark, if by way of correction of what fell from you as to the date to which the Government adjourned the second reading. The second reading was taken at an early date because the Hon. Mr. Stephen and the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, are leaving the Colony for a time on the 28th inst. We agreed to that comparatively short adjournment because it was understood—in fact a pledge was given by the Government—that if the unofficial members should desire certain provisions of the Bill to stand over to a later date, that desire of the unofficial members would be acceded to by the Government. (Applause.)

Mr. W. B. Kennett: Is it in order to refer to any clause not mentioned in these proposals?

The Chairman: Yes.

QUESTION OF PROXIES.

Mr. Kennett: Then I would like to call attention to Clause 25.

Every letter or power of attorney for the sole purpose of appointing a proxy to vote at a meeting shall specify the day upon which the meeting is to be held, and shall be available only at the meeting so specified and any adjournment thereof.

It seems to me that the effect of that may be to prevent a general proxy being given. Now, as you know, many companies hold meetings at seven or eight days' notice and the effect of this clause would be that no shareholders out of the Colony could be represented at such meeting because no proxy can be acted upon which does not specify a date. At present there is a very general practice for a shareholder to leave a general proxy with someone. Therefore, there must be long notice of the holding of a meeting for a shareholder who is abroad to be represented. This clause means that no one be represented at all at such meeting unless he happens to be in the Colony at the moment.

The Chairman: Later on I shall ask you to put that in the form of a resolution.

CRIMINAL LIABILITY.
Mr. Kennett: There is one other point. Does this meeting intend to pass without comment the extraordinary change in the law which makes it a criminal offence to omit to stamp a document, whether without any intent to evade the law or anything of the sort?

If you will refer to the Objects and Reasons given by the Attorney-General, it puts this very clearly. It is intended that criminal liability shall attach to the corporate body itself appearing to have the management in the latter case, upon mere failure to stamp. In other words, the corporate body in the one case and the manager in the other case, will be liable for the mere omission, apart from any question of intention to evade, or of guilty knowledge.

That seems to be a very startling innovation.
Hon. Mr. Pollock: I quite agree with Mr. Kennett's remarks. The Clause, as it stands, is in a very objectionable form.
Mr. Edkins: I do not hesitate to support what has been said. It is inconceivable that the measure should be brought in this way. It is going to make business more and more difficult. The Bill is conceived, I submit, in the wrong spirit. (Applause.)

The Chairman: I thank Mr. Kennett for drawing our attention in such a forcible manner to this particular Clause. We shall press for modification of Clause 41 of this Bill itself, together with Clause 16 of the "Objects and Reasons," if you think that will be sufficient.

THE RESOLUTIONS CARRIED.
The Chairman then proposed, one by one, the resolutions as set forth above.

Mr. J. A. Flammer seconded the first, Mr. F. C. Hall the second, Mr. Bowes-Smith the third, and Mr. Edkins the fourth and fifth.

The amendments to the sixth and seventh resolutions were accepted, Mr. Birkett seconding both. As amended these resolutions read:—
6.—That this meeting is of the opinion that the Stamp Duty on share transfers be limited to 15 cents per \$100.
7.—That, as regards Clause 29 of the proposed Ordinance, that clause should be withdrawn as being unworkable, but that, if it is desired to tax share transactions, the duty on share contract notes be still further increased, and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon.

The resolutions were carried with applause, none voting against.
Mr. W. B. Kennett moved a further resolution regarding Clause 25, as follows:—
"8.—That this meeting is of opinion that Clause 25 should be amended so as to make it clear that a shareholder may give a general proxy for use at all meetings of a company, provided that such proxy be duly stamped at an amount to be fixed by the Ordinance."

Mr. Evan Ormiston seconded, and the resolution was carried.

Mr. Kennett proposed further:—
"9.—That this meeting expresses its disagreement with the new principle involved in Clause 41 as explained in the Attorney-General's Reasons, Clause 16."

This was seconded by Mr. Ormiston and carried.
INQUISITORIAL POWERS.
Mr. G. M. Dodwell proposed:—
"10.—That Clause 43, in its present form, is unnecessarily inquisitorial and should be re-drafted in a modified form."

Mr. Edkins seconded.
The Chairman read Clause 43, which says that, in cases in which evasion is suspected, the Collector "may enter any such premises for the purpose of inspection, and may search any such person and may inspect and take copies of any such books, account or other documents."

Mr. A. R. Lowe: Mr. Chairman, might I say that no honest person need be frightened of that clause? (Laughter.)
Mr. Edkins: I suggest that another form might be found, that, where possible, the use of chartered accountants might be permitted. (Renewed laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Pollock: If the Government only dropped the objectionable clause in this Bill there would not be any necessity for such a clause at all. The resolution was carried.

THE SHARE OF POSTERITY.

Mr. Ormiston: Following your remarks, Mr. Chairman, I think it would be well if the Chamber passed the following resolution:—
"11.—That this meeting strongly protests against the proposed amendments to the Colony being put for out of annual revenue and

ARMS SEIZED.
TRUNK WITH FALSE BOTTOM.

A Chinese who recently arrived from America, was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 500 rounds of ammunition, one revolver and a "Mauser" magazine which were found in the false bottom of his trunk on the s.s. "Sunning." A revenue officer stated that the defendant volunteered the statement that the arms and ammunition were in the false bottom of the trunk. Mr. A. H. Crew, who appeared for the defence, said that the defendant was a bona fide traveller. The prosecution said that the contraband was concealed in saw dust. Mr. Crew explained that this was to prevent rust and keep the ammunition from being scattered about. The false bottom was not intended to deceive the police but merely to separate clothing from the saw dust. Taking into consideration the fact that defendant had made a voluntary confession the Magistrate decided to treat him leniently and impose a fine of \$25. The contraband would be confiscated for three months at the end of which time the defendant could claim it on production of a permit.

A REMAND CASE.

Another Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of a large quantity of empty cartridge cases, some of which were found on board the s.s. "Kwangtung," and others stored in a godown in Belcher Street. Mr. G. N. Tinson, who defended, applied for a week's remand. Chief Detective-Inspector Morrison, who prosecuted, raised no objection. When Counsel applied for bail, the C.D.I. suggested \$1,000, explaining that defendant had sent 25 bags of the contraband to Canton, and it was only through the vigilance of the Customs officials there that they were discovered and returned to Hongkong. The Magistrate remanded the case until April 26, and fixed bail in the sum suggested.

SPORT.

Q.C. CRICKET.

COLLEGE F. OLD BOYS.

The match, Staff and Pupils of Queen's College v. the Q.C.O.B.A., will take place to-morrow at 2 p.m., on the Indian Recreation Club ground at Sookmoo Valley. Teams:—

Queen's College.—R. E. O. Bird (capt.), F. J. de Rome, W. Kay, J. Ralston, E. J. Edwards, J. S. Currie, S. A. R. Ismail, E. Nishida, A. Butt, A. H. Madar and G. A. Hyder. Reserves: M. Y. Adal and Talok Singh.

Q.C.O.B.A.—H. H. Taylor (capt.), A. el Arulhi, N. M. Bax, G. A. V. Hall, H. C. Hunt, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, Wong Po Keung, D. Ramjahn, A. A. Ramjahn and A. H. Ramjahn. Reserves: F. E. A. Remedios and Douglas Laing.

THE INTERPORT.

SHANGHAI'S SELECTION COMMITTEE.

At Shanghai, Capt. E. L. M. Barrett, Dr. W. E. O'Hara and Messrs. A. W. Hayward and F. L. Wainwright have been appointed as the Selection Committee of the team to represent Shanghai in the Interport match against Hongkong.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

STRAITS CHINESE PRACTISING.

The Chinese visitors from the Straits who are to meet our local Chinese at tennis are busy practising. The matches commence on Monday.

The visitors number over a dozen, but we understand only three of them are proficient with the racket. No programme has been issued yet, but we are informed three "singles" and possibly three doubles matches will be played. One of the Straits men is said to be quite a good player. Although our champion, Ng Sze Kwong, beat him 6-3 in a practice set, he is expected to make a good showing. A doubles combination is also expected to give a good account of itself.

The C.R.C. will welcome the visitors at a dinner at the Club to-morrow night.

maintains that a loan should be issued to cover all such permanent improvements."

Mr. W. L. Pattenden seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook desires to point out that in dealing with Clause 41, Clause 46 also comes into the discussion. It is a clause which proposes to inflict a very severe penalty. I have no doubt it will be brought to the consideration of the Government in connection with Clause 41.

ARMED ROBBERY.

ONE THIEF CAUGHT.

Two women living in Sheungyuen village, in Saihong district, were asleep in their house about 9 p.m., on April 20, when four men, two armed with daggers and two carrying torches, entered their house by removing some bricks in the wall. After threatening to injure the inmates if they raised the alarm, the intruders bound and gagged them. They then ransacked the house, stealing jewellery to the value of \$30, also \$50 worth of clothing. When the robbers left the house they were seen by a neighbour who gave the alarm. After a hard chase, one of the men was captured.

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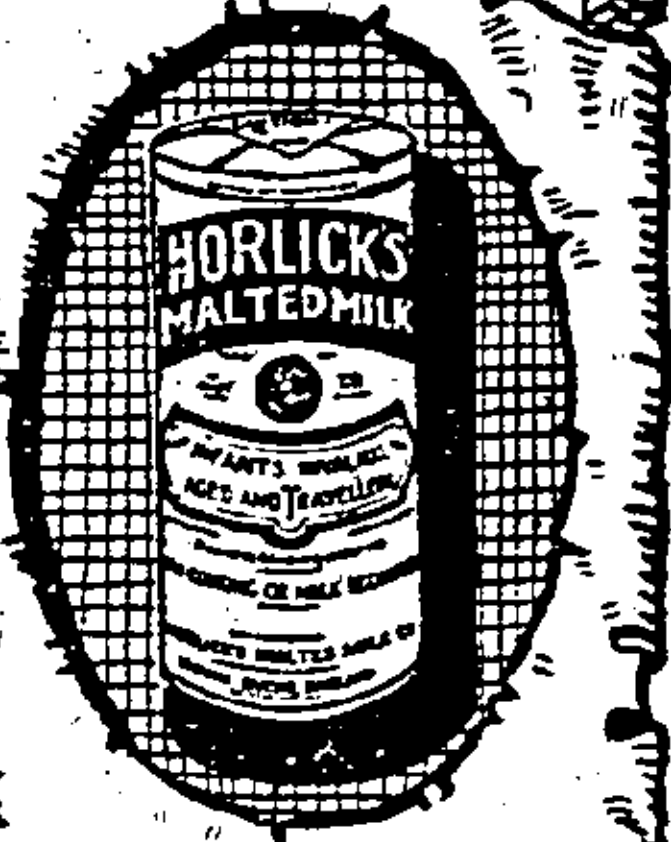
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HONGKONG'S CHILD LABOUR.

MORE QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

ALLEGED "SEMI-SLAVERY DENIES."

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, Major J. D. Birchall asked whether Chinese children in Hongkong under fourteen years of age were permitted to work upwards of seventy hours a week.

Sir Kingsley Wood replied that the Governor had been asked to report on the subject of child labour. There appeared at present to be no legislation. He would very carefully consider the matter when the Governor's report was received.

Further replying to Major Birchall with regard to the *mini taxi* system, Sir Kingsley Wood referred to the reply given on April 13. He said that he was advised that "semi-slavery" was not a correct description of the position of these girls.

REPARATION DEMANDS.

GERMANY APPEALS TO UNITED STATES.

HARDING'S MEDIATION SOUGHT.

BERLIN, April 21.

Germany has petitioned the President of the United States to mediate on the reparations question and undertakes to pay the allied powers as reparations such sum as the President, after investigation, may find just and right.

WASHINGTON, April 21.

The State Department has received Germany's appeal to President Harding.

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MINERS STILL OBSTINATE

DEMAND FOR NATIONAL WAGES BOARD UNSHAKEN.

A TRADE UNION SENSATION.

LONDON, April 21.

At the conclusion of a meeting of the miners' executive it was stated that reports from various districts indicated that the miners firmly adhered to the principle of a national wages board and a national pool of profits. No further communications have been received from the Government and coal-owners. A conference of miners is being held to-morrow morning in order to consider the situation.

LONDON, April 21.

A sensation has been caused in trade union circles owing to the rank and file of the united vehicle workers' union seizing the union's headquarters and turning out the officials whom they alleged had secretly discussed matters affecting reduction of wages.

LATER.

The Secretary of the transport workers has made a statement that the raiders who took possession of the headquarters were extremists who were also incensed at the non-support of the miners' strike. Meanwhile the raiders declare they will remain there day and night.

AIR ESTIMATES.

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EGYPT'S CENTRAL POSITION.

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, in introducing the air estimates and dealing with £157,000 for air services in Egypt, mostly for housing the personnel, Capt. the Hon. F. T. Guest declared that Egypt would be the central flying depot in the East. With regard to civil aviation, Capt. Guest explained that the subsidised London-Paris service was running for seven months experimentally, the Air Council guaranteeing a profit of ten per cent. to each of the two firms concerned. The Air Ministry would pay £75 for each single flight provided that the maximum total did not exceed £25,000 to each firm. This arrangement provided one flight each way daily.

ARMAMENT FOLLY.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE "TERRIFYING COSTS."

LONDON, April 21.

In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Mr. G. Lambert asked whether the Government had made representations to the United States and Japan with regard to cessation of warship building. He declared that the cost of armaments to Britain was a ruinous burden on industry. Mr. Lloyd George agreed that the cost of armaments throughout the world was very terrifying, but such questions must be approached with a good deal of tact and judgment. If they attempted to rush it the object in view was not likely to be achieved.

KING RECEIVES MAJOR-GENERAL VENTRIS.

LONDON, April 21.

The King received Major-General Ventriss on relinquishing his post of Commander of the British Forces in China.

PLAGUE AT ALEXANDRIA.

QUARANTINE ON VESSELS LEAVING PORT.

ALEXANDRIA, April 21.

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MRI A. G. LANG NOMINATED.

The nomination of a representative to act on the Legislative Council during the temporary absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak occupied the attention of members of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of that body held yesterday afternoon.

Outlining the purpose of the meeting, Mr. A. G. Lang (Vice-Chairman), who presided stated—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called at the request of the Hongkong Government to nominate a member of this Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. As you are aware, Mr. Holyoak left the Colony, yesterday, and the chair at this meeting, therefore, devolves upon me as Vice-Chairman of the Chamber. The requisite notice has been advertised in the papers calling for nominations, and the only name put forward is my own, proposed by Mr. G. T. Edkins, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, and supported by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and members of this Committee.

As you are aware, the proposed Stamp Ordinance comes up for second reading on Monday, the 25th, and in order that this Chamber and the commercial community of Hongkong should be represented at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and the views of members of the Chamber, regarding which a meeting will be held immediately after this meeting is over, should be laid before the Government, it is necessary that the Chamber now nominate its representative for the Council. I will now call upon the proposer and seconder to support the nomination.

Mr. G. T. Edkins: I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as representative of this Chamber on the Legislative Council. Mr. Lang is well-known to the community as senior in a firm long associated with the business of the Colony. He is on many of the boards of companies in the Colony. Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and he has had long experience in matters debated by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. I have no hesitation, therefore, in commending him to you, and I believe you will accept him as entirely fitted for this nomination.—(Applause.) I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as our representative on the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen: I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Lang.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the rules relating to voting.

The motion was carried with applause.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I thank you exceedingly for the great honour you have done me, and although I cannot hope to emulate Mr. Holyoak in his wonderful powers of oratory, you may rest assured that I shall do my very best to protect this Chamber's interests, as well as the interests of the commercial community of this Colony during the short time which I expect to serve on the Council.—(Applause.) No one deplures Mr. Holyoak's enforced absence from the Colony at this particular time more than I do, and I am sure we all hope that his change to Japan will result in complete restoration to health. I thank you.

PREVALENCE OF RABIES.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF DOGS.

The following notification was published yesterday by a Government Gazette Extraordinary:—

Regulations made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, Ordinance No. 5 of 1893, this 21st day of April, 1921.

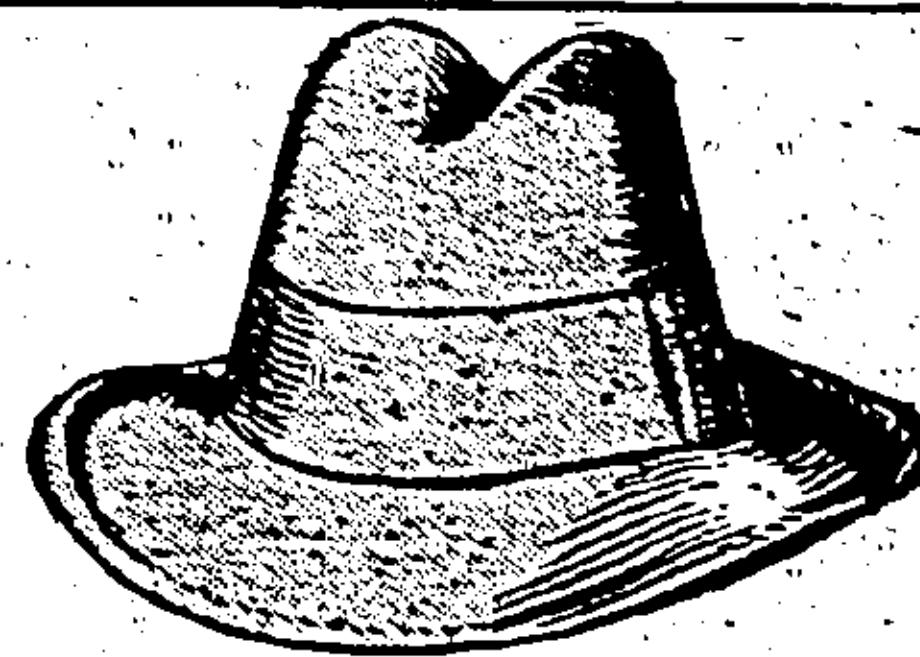
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LORD LEE'S VIEWS.

AMERICA'S CLAIM TO EQUALITY.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Institution of Naval Architects, at Connaught Rooms, Lord Lee of Fareham (First Lord of the Admiralty) said the Board of Admiralty was today faced with some of the most perplexing problems that had ever confronted naval administration in this country. The decision was made more difficult because, at the same time, they had to solve the question of how to maintain the Navy at adequate strength and to make heavy obligations on the altar of international economy. These things were not easy to reconcile, and the task would seem hopeless were it not that one was fortified and comforted by the lessons of history. Questions similar to these were occupying the Admiralty in the time of Pepys. Then, as now, there had been no really serious controversy among the naval experts, not only in this country, but throughout the world. We had been confronted recently with the problem of the capital ship. In regard to this and in all other matters we had had critics and critics. There were critics such as that distinguished company, and there were the other critics—those who fight and run away in order to write another day. (Laughter and cheers.) There were those who told us that the capital ship was obsolete. He did not find that that was the balance of opinion held in any naval country and so far as the Admiralty inquiries had gone here, they were convinced that it still remained the basis of sea power, and that it would still continue to play in the future as it had done in the past. (Cheers.) The Admiralty were not sitting on a fence, and the statement made only two days ago showed that they proposed a modest replacing of our older and obsolete capital ships. They were doing it largely upon the principle that if, as seemed necessary in the financial circumstances of the time, we must rest content with a smaller Navy, it was more and more imperative that the Navy should be of the very highest quality with regard to its material and that we should maintain it unimpaired in what it had been always in the past, and that was the highest possible efficiency in its personnel. (Cheers.) If they were to proceed on any other assumption it would be impeding that most precious possession of British sea-power—the moral and spirit of the British Navy. As re-

garded the actual ships, there was a wide field of speculation as to detail.

Discussing the broader international aspects of naval policy, Lord Lee said, "I think all of us must be asking ourselves frequently the question—'Whither are we going after the triumphant conclusion of that war which was to make the world safe for civilisation?' It is hard to believe that those who were fighting side by side to save that civilisation are now going to build navies against each other if for no other reason than because it would be so ridiculous and so silly. (Hear, hear.) I am encouraged in this matter by the moderate view which is being taken by the Governments of other great naval Powers, but it is better that we should speak plainly of the greatest naval Power in the world apart from ourselves. We see the United States of America Senate is laying down the principle that America shall maintain a Navy at least equal to that of any other Power. That is a claim to equality which this country has never expected in the past—(hear, hear)—and never would expect save in connection with a great English-speaking nation that sprang from its loins, and must ever hold a great place in our regard and confidence. (Cheers.) We have twice affirmed in the most formal way possible our expedients for the future of one Power standard. If you look across the Atlantic you see that Mr. Denby, Secretary of the American Navy, has said that American interests naturally call for a navy equal to that of any other Power. The difference between our formula and that of America is too slight to be made a subject of controversy, still less of friction or hostility. I join issue with those who say we should not discuss this question, because war with any of our late Allies and with America is unthinkable. Wars do not become impossible because people never think about them, and this is a subject about which we ought to be thinking—thinking day and night with the fixed intention of making it impossible—(cheers)—because if ever a war is going to take place between us and any of our late Allies it will be the fault of blind or criminal leading, for which our statesmen, whether in London, Washington, Tokyo, or the capital of any other naval Power, would be condemned and executed in history if they fail to avert such a tragedy. Mr. Denby had said that the greatest calamity that could overtake humanity would be war between this country and America, and that between us we could control the sea.

"I have no doubt," he said, "that between us we could; but the question before us to-day is whether we are heading in the right direction with regard to our Navy without committing with each other. In that respect I think the Government of this country has a clear record. We have in our estimates of this year

USELESS INDIAN DIVORCES.

DILEMMA OF HUNDREDS WHO REMARRIED.

A decree absolute granted to an English officer in India for the dissolution of his marriage was held by the President Sir Henry Duke, in the Divorce Court to be invalid. The point was raised by a suit for divorce from his wife, Annie Brash, brought by Captain Reginald Keyes, of the Dene, Dartford, Kent, who had been previously granted a decree absolute by the Punjab Chief Court. In the second suit a decree nisi was granted. When the case was argued on February 23, it was stated that if the divorce granted in the Punjab was invalid, it would mean that the children of hundreds of second marriages of persons divorced there since 1869 would be made illegitimate. It was also stated that, in that event, an Act of Parliament would be needed to legalise those Indian divorces and remarriages.

Sir Henry Duke said the determining point was legal domicile. The suit for divorce must be brought in the country in which the petitioner was domiciled. Capt. Keyes was domiciled in England, therefore his Punjab divorce was invalid. set an example of reduction. We have, admittedly taken risks as regards the relative position of our Navies and of others, and we are prepared to go as far as possible in that direction by mutual agreement. But merely to talk of hands across the sea is not sufficient; we must have our heads across the sea as well. It is not enough to talk about blood being thicker than water. What we want is that plain horse sense which is characteristic of both our countries, and personally from a long knowledge of America I have a profound belief in business talking leading up to a square deal. I hold strongly that in this matter we are not engaged in a game of poker or of bluff, but in a sort of game where we ought to lay our cards on the table, and discuss frankly with our friends what the future should be. (Cheers.) The only point that remains to be settled is who is to make the first move to initiate the discussion. Still we are not disposed to stand upon ceremony in this or in any other matter. We welcome the hint which has been thrown out by President Harding, and it will continue to be met with the most cordial and helpful response here. (Cheers.) I can say this, that if the invitation comes from Washington, personally I am prepared to put aside all other business, pressing though it may be, in order to take part in business than which there can be nothing more pressing in the affairs of this world." (Cheers.)

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